

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 23rd July 2017

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## Contest Results

Results of the IRTS VHF/UHF Field Day contest, held earlier this month, have been published, see [www.irts.ie/results](http://www.irts.ie/results) for full details. This contest takes place on the bands from 50 MHz to 1.2 GHz, and the scoring is distance-based. The results page includes the "Best DX" in kilometres by band for each station, which shows the impressive distances covered during the contest on the VHF and UHF bands - over 2,200 kilometres on 50 MHz and over 900 kilometres on 1.2 GHz.

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## December Examination

Do you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a licensed amateur radio operator? Has one of your friends been asking you recently about how they can get into the hobby? If so, then now is as good a time to remind them of the exam. The IRTS has a wealth of helpful guidance and information on the website [www.hamradio.ie](http://www.hamradio.ie) From this website you can discover the main topics which are expected to be known as a minimum for the examination. We are only currently in late July, although as we all know studywise the next exam is not that far away.

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## South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Following on from the great success at previous shows, the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group have been asked back to the Inistioge Vintage Rally again this year. This year celebrates the 25th anniversary of this great event and will take place on Sunday 6th of August 2017.

The Inistioge Vintage Rally is a great fun-filled family day out with loads of vintage cars and engines from times gone past. Loads of things for all the kids too. So, if you are looking for a great day out why not head on down to Inistioge and call by the SEARG demonstration area where we will have an amateur radio station in operation. The lads will be delighted to explain how amateur radio works. We look forward to seeing you there!

The July meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday 31st of July at 8.00 p.m. sharp. New members or anyone interested in learning more about

amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also follow join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

Just a little reminder. The Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will activate Ballinacourty Lighthouse ILLW Ref: IE0018 on Saturday and Sunday 19th & 20th August 2017 as part of the 20th International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend. Ballinacourty Lighthouse is located on the south coast of Ireland in County Waterford. The light at Ballinacourty was first established on 1st July 1858. The club will use the callsign EI7T for the activation.

The July meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group is to take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Thursday 27th July at 8.30pm. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website [www.ei7trg.ie](http://www.ei7trg.ie) or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

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### **Special Event Radio Station from Royal Mint**

The special event station GB4RME will operate from inside the Royal Mint in Llantrisant Wales from 30th July until 5th August 2017. More information available from [www.bars.btil.com](http://www.bars.btil.com)

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### **DX News**

Tim VE6SH will sign V29SH from the island of Antigua from 23rd July to 5th August. This is a holiday style operation and he will be mainly on 30m and 17m. QSLs go via the home call.

SC40VIC may be of interest to prefix chasers. This is a special event station to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Swedish Crown Princess Victoria. The station will

be on the air until the end of 2017. The QSL manager is SM6JSM.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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